

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed April 12, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

As indicated in the foregoing, each pending independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot having been drawn against Applicant's claims in another form.

Turning to the merits of the claims, Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the references teach or suggest Applicant's claimed methods or systems. For example, with reference to independent claim 1, none of the references teach a method comprising receiving with a network service an identification of a level of access to user information that is to be extended to a web site host, the identification being received from a user computer via a network, assigning with the network service a user code that is pertinent to the identified level of access, sending the assigned user code from the network service to the user computer via a network to enable the user to provide the user code to the web site host when the user visits a web site maintained by the web site host, receiving from the web site host via a network with the network service a request for information concerning the user and the user code that was provided to the web site host, determining with the network service a level of access for which the web site host is authorized from the user code received from the web site host, and transmitting from the network service to the web site host via a network user information that pertains to the user code. Applicant notes that similar recitations can be found in Applicant's other independent claims.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

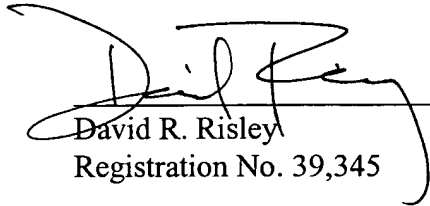
Applicant also notes that claims 2, 3, 8-15, 17, and 19-21 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

In addition, claims 35-39 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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